

South African Focus

The JSE ended marginally weaker yesterday, with the All Share index slipping 0.02% to 117,362.40 points, while the Top 40 index eased 0.09% to 109,680.89 points. Investor sentiment remained cautious as domestic mining data pointed to a slower pace of output growth. Statistics South Africa reported that mining production increased 2.5% year-on-year in March, down from 9.7% in February and below the 4.1% forecast by analysts polled by Reuters. The softer print highlighted continued unevenness in the local production environment. Separately, President Cyril Ramaphosa removed Sisi Tolashe as minister of social development and appointed Sindisiwe Chikunga as acting minister, pending a permanent appointment.

South African Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day %	1 Month	1 Year	2026
All Share	117362.40	-0.02%	-2.03%	26.91%	1.32%
Top 40	109680.89	-0.09%	-2.02%	29.16%	1.58%
Financial 15	25136.34	1.70%	-2.18%	20.69%	1.06%
Industrial 25	128719.78	-0.08%	-1.02%	-4.32%	-7.09%
Resource 10	135362.49	-1.44%	-3.41%	104.22%	9.47%
Alsi	109820.00	-0.11%	-1.74%	29.30%	1.46%
Mid Cap	110495.11	0.19%	-2.99%	21.18%	-2.64%
Small Cap	108043.00	1.09%	-0.91%	20.31%	0.09%
Banks	15725.21	1.92%	-2.66%	24.23%	1.97%

SENS Announcements

Karoo000 (KRO) -9.76%

Karoo000 reported solid FY2026 results, supported by continued subscriber growth and higher recurring revenue, although near-term margins reflected accelerated investment in expansion. Cartrack subscribers increased 16% to 2.66 million, with record net additions of 359,986, while group subscription revenue rose 19% to R4.84 billion. Cartrack's subscription revenue increased 19% to R4.83 billion, and Karoo000 Logistics delivered 29% DaaS revenue growth to R540 million. Group operating profit rose 8% to R1.42 billion, with EPS up 8% to R32.17, while adjusted EPS increased 3% to R32.55. Cartrack's operating margin moderated to 28% from 31%, reflecting higher sales capacity and acquisition-related costs aimed at supporting long-term recurring revenue growth and shareholder value.

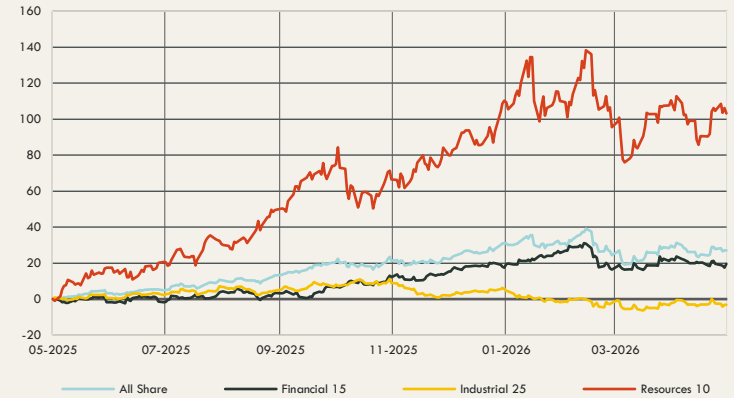
KAL Group (KAL) +1.13%

KAL Group delivered a stronger first-half performance for the six months ended 31 March 2026, supported by revenue growth, improved profitability and a healthier balance sheet. Revenue increased 5.0% to R11.36 billion, while gross profit rose 8.8% to R1.81 billion, indicating margin improvement. EBITDA advanced 7.7% to R599.7 million, while EPS increased 30.3% to 513.87 cents. HEPS rose 12.5% to 441.36 cents, with recurring HEPS up 15.1% to 453.25 cents, reflecting underlying earnings momentum. Net cash from operating activities improved 3.9% to R575.2 million, while net interest-bearing debt to equity strengthened to 32.9% from 48.4%. The board declared a 25.0% higher interim dividend of 70.00 cents per share.

Tharisa plc (THA) +4.80%

Tharisa expects a material improvement in interim earnings for the six months ended 31 March 2026, supported by stronger year-on-year commodity prices. The company guided for basic EPS of between US15.3 cents and US15.8 cents, representing an increase of 512.0% to 532.0% from US2.5 cents in the prior corresponding period. HEPS is expected to rise to between US16.1 cents and US16.6 cents, up 455.2% to 472.4% from US2.9 cents previously. The trading statement follows Tharisa's production update released on 14 April 2026, which highlighted firmer commodity pricing. Reviewed interim consolidated financial statements are expected to be released on or about 21 May 2026. The guidance has not yet been reviewed by the company's auditors.

Local Indices - Normalised % Performances



Equities Trading Close to 52-Week Highs and Lows

Company	Code	From High	From Low	Code	Company
Grindrod Ltd	GND	0.00%	0.00%	KRO	Karoo000 Ltd
British American Tob plc	BTI	-0.52%	0.26%	CLS	Clicks Group Ltd
Omnia Holdings Ltd	OMN	-0.54%	1.42%	SHC	Shaftesbury Capital plc
Glencore plc	GLN	-0.58%	2.49%	WBC	We Buy Cars Hlds Ltd
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA NV	ANH	-0.79%	2.60%	PPH	Pepkor Holdings Ltd

Expected Corporate Releases

Company	Code	Release	Date
Newpark REIT	NRL	Final	15 May
Equites Property Fund	EQU	Final	15 May
Collins Property Group	CPP	Final	15 May

Best & Worst 1 Day % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Pick n Pay Stores Ltd	PIK	8.13%	-9.76%	KRO	Karoo000 Ltd
Datatec Ltd	DTC	5.16%	-4.85%	IMP	Impala Platinum Hlgs Ltd
Alexander Forbes Grp Hldgs	AFH	4.62%	-3.74%	TGA	Thungela Resources Ltd

Best & Worst 1 Year % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Pan African Resource plc	PAN	209.93%	-55.97%	TFG	The Foschini Group Limited
Sasol Limited	SOL	209.34%	-53.20%	SAP	Sappi Ltd
Northam Platinum Hldgs Ltd	NPH	175.88%	-47.56%	SPP	The Spar Group Ltd

Dividend Watch

Company	Code	Dividend	Dividend	Code	Company
Alphamin Resources	APH	13 CAD	---	---	---
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All prices reflect the last trading day's performance.

Last date to trade

19 May



US Market Focus

US equities advanced on Thursday, supported by renewed strength in technology shares as investors assessed solid economic data and monitored high-level US-China talks in Beijing. All three major indices closed higher, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq reaching fresh record closing highs. Market focus centred on President Trump's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, attended by senior business leaders including Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang. On the data front, retail sales met expectations, although higher petrol prices linked to the Iran war provided support. Import prices posted their sharpest increase since October 2022, reinforcing concerns that energy-driven inflation could spread more broadly and delay Federal Reserve rate cuts. Kansas City Fed President Jeffrey Schmid described inflation as the economy's key risk.

US Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
Dow Jones	50063.46	0.75%	3.15%	19.05%	4.16%
Nasdaq	26635.22	0.88%	12.67%	39.11%	14.60%
S&P 500	7501.24	0.77%	7.66%	27.30%	9.58%
Dollar Index	98.94	0.57%	1.07%	-1.95%	0.97%
US VIX	17.26	-3.41%	-5.99%	-7.30%	15.45%

International Companies

Applied Materials (AMAT) +0.90%

Applied Materials delivered stronger-than-expected second-quarter results and issued third-quarter guidance ahead of Wall Street estimates, supported by sustained AI-related semiconductor investment. The chip-equipment supplier expects third-quarter revenue of about US\$8.95 billion, above consensus of US\$8.09 billion, while adjusted EPS guidance of US\$3.36 also exceeded expectations of US\$2.88. For the second quarter ended 26 April, revenue rose to US\$7.91 billion, ahead of estimates of US\$7.65 billion, with adjusted EPS of US\$2.86 also beating forecasts. Demand is being supported by increased data centre and AI infrastructure spending, which is driving capacity expansion by chipmakers including TSMC and Samsung. Applied expects more than 30% growth in semiconductor equipment and over 50% growth in packaging revenue for 2026.

Honda Motor (7267) +3.77%

Honda Motor reported its first annual loss since listing in 1957, as heavy electric-vehicle restructuring costs weighed on earnings and forced a reset of its long-term EV strategy. The group posted an operating loss of ¥414.3 billion for the year ended March, versus a ¥1.2 trillion profit a year earlier, after booking ¥1.45 trillion in EV-related losses. Honda scrapped its target for EVs to represent 20% of new vehicle sales by 2030 and suspended its planned US\$11 billion Canada EV project. However, shares rose after the company pledged at least ¥800 billion in shareholder returns over three years. Management expects a return to profitability this year, supported by cost reductions and its strong motorcycle business.

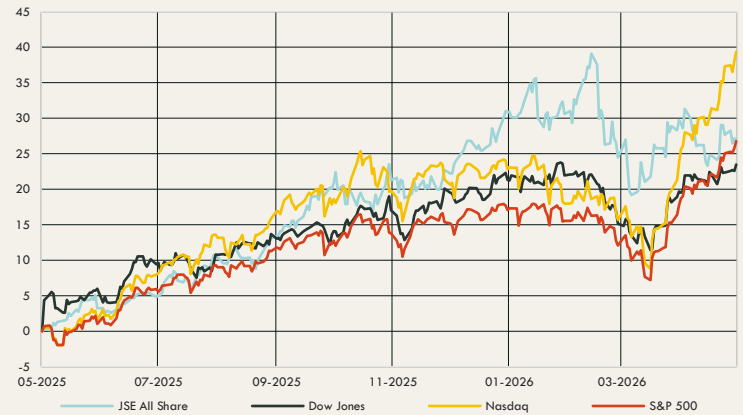
Expected International Corporate Calendar

Company	Code	Est. EPS	Last EPS	Date
RBC Bearings	RBC	\$3.23	\$2.63	15 May
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Baidu	BIDU	\$1.50	\$2.27	18 May
Home Depot	HD	\$3.42	\$3.56	19 May
Keysight	KEYS	\$2.04	\$1.49	19 May
NVIDIA	NVDA	\$1.70	\$0.77	20 May
Lowe's	LOW	\$2.96	\$2.92	20 May

Local Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Sasfin BCI Prudential A		250.00	14.45%	10.18%
Sasfin BCI Balanced A		170.00	15.78%	10.91%
Sasfin BCI Stable A		172.00	17.20%	13.81%
Sasfin BCI Equity A		483.00	11.91%	8.24%
Sasfin BCI Flexible Income A		110.00	13.67%	12.36%
Sasfin BCI Optimal Income A		106.00	7.61%	7.62%
Sasfin BCI High Yield A		103.00	9.14%	9.36%

US Indices - Normalised % Performances



Europe and Asian Markets Focus

Europe

European equities closed higher on Thursday, with the pan-European STOXX 600 rising 0.8% to 616.05 points, its strongest level in a week, supported by broad-based gains and strength in technology shares. Investors nevertheless remained cautious as markets monitored developments in US-China talks. In the UK, political uncertainty increased after Labour's Wes Streeting resigned as health minister, raising fresh questions over Prime Minister Keir Starmer's leadership. Policy risks also remained in focus after ECB chief economist Philip Lane warned that interest rate hikes may be needed to contain inflation, with money markets pricing in more than two increases this year. UK GDP rose 0.3% month-on-month in March, versus expectations for contraction, helping first-quarter growth reach 0.6%.

Asia

Asia-Pacific markets traded lower this morning, with South Korea's Kospi retreating after moving above 8,000 to a fresh record high. In Japan, wholesale inflation accelerated in April at its fastest pace in three years, as higher oil and chemical goods prices linked to the Iran war intensified cost pressures. The data strengthened expectations that the Bank of Japan could raise interest rates as early as June, after a policymaker called for tighter policy at the earliest possible stage. Japanese Finance Minister Satsuki Katayama said G7 finance chiefs are likely to discuss global bond market volatility, following sharp yield moves in Japan, the US and Britain. In Australia, planned strike action at Woodside Energy's Karratha and Pluto LNG facilities added supply-side risk.

European & Asian Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
CAC 40	8030.63	0.28%	-3.57%	2.47%	-1.46%
DAX 30	24456.26	1.32%	1.71%	3.95%	-0.14%
Eurostoxx 50	5921.00	1.44%	-1.05%	10.37%	2.24%
FTSE	10372.93	0.46%	-2.23%	20.83%	4.45%
Hang Seng	26389.04	0.00%	2.00%	11.63%	2.96%
Nikkei 225	62654.05	-0.98%	8.25%	64.33%	24.46%
Shanghai	4177.92	-1.52%	3.76%	22.74%	5.27%

International Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Sasfin BCI Global Equity FF C		196.00	---	---
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Mng Dvrs Gr D		172.00	22.20%	15.09%
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Managed Acc D		164.00	21.96%	15.22%
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Mng Prsrvtm D		150.00	19.65%	14.80%



Commodities & Currencies

Commodities

Gold fell to its lowest level in more than a week on Friday and was on track for a weekly decline, as higher energy prices reinforced inflation concerns and supported expectations that interest rates could remain elevated for longer. Investor attention also remained fixed on the meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Oil prices rose more than 1% after Trump said China wanted to buy oil from the US, while supply risks persisted despite Iran saying around 30 vessels had passed through the Strait of Hormuz. Geopolitical tensions remained elevated after a ship was reportedly seized by Iranian personnel near the United Arab Emirates, with Washington and Beijing agreeing on the need to keep the strategic shipping route open.

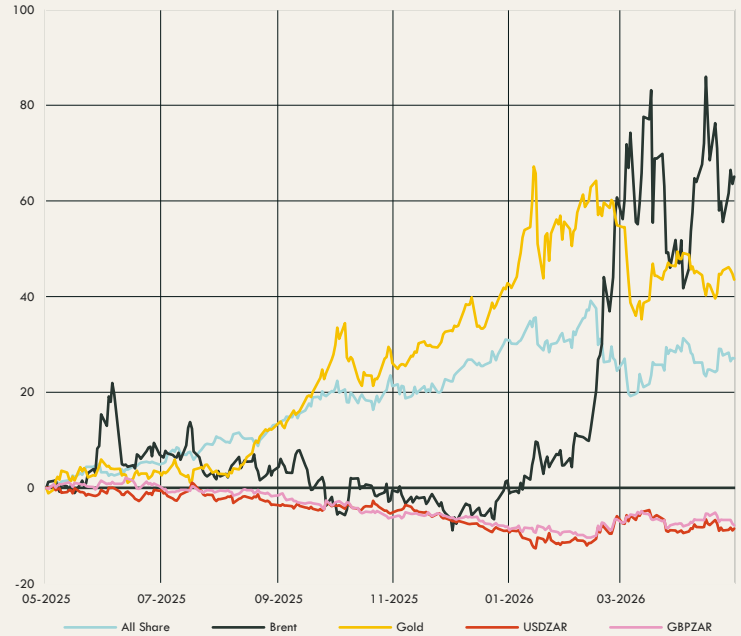
Currencies

The South African rand weakened against a firmer US dollar on Thursday as investors awaited the outcome of high-level talks between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing. The dollar strengthened further on Friday and was on track for its largest weekly gain in more than two months, with the dollar index set to rise more than 1% for the week. Rising energy prices and shipping disruptions continued to fuel inflation concerns, increasing expectations that the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates this year. Sterling also came under pressure as the UK's political crisis deepened following health minister Wes Streeting's resignation, while UK government bonds retained recent price gains.

Commodities & Currencies

Selected Indicators	This Morning	Close	1 Day	1 Month	2026
Brent Crude	0.26%	106.61	0.94%	12.10%	75.03%
Gold	-0.70%	4651.89	-0.79%	-3.92%	7.73%
Palladium	-1.06%	1447.68	-3.65%	-8.90%	-11.40%
Platinum	-1.58%	2059.20	-3.80%	-2.30%	0.28%
Silver	-2.43%	83.49	-4.58%	4.95%	16.62%
USDZAR	0.41%	16.48	0.48%	0.88%	-0.50%
GBPZAR	0.19%	22.09	-0.41%	-0.35%	-0.95%
EURZAR	0.27%	19.24	0.11%	-0.21%	-1.20%
AUDZAR	0.03%	11.90	-0.04%	2.20%	7.67%
EURUSD	-0.15%	1.17	-0.37%	-1.07%	-0.65%

Commodities & Currencies - Normalised % Performances



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Today's Expected Economic Calendar

Time	Area	Expected Today	Expected	Previous
10:00	EU	ECB Economic Bulletin	---	---
14:30	US	Empire State Manufacturing Index	7.3	11.0
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10-Year Bond Yields

Region	Yield	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year
United States	4.52%	5	27	-2
United Kingdom	4.99%	-7	21	28
Germany	3.04%	-6	2	34
Japan	2.71%	14	30	126
South African 10Y	8.67%	-5	26	-178

Last Session's Releases

Time	Area	Expected Today	Expected	Actual
11:30	SA	Gold Production YoY	9.50%	17.10%
11:30	SA	Mining Production MoM	-0.80%	-5.10%
11:30	SA	Mining Production YoY	3.80%	2.50%
14:30	US	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.70%	0.70%
14:30	US	Retail Sales m/m	0.50%	0.50%

Interest Rates

Region	Changed	Current Rate	Previous Rate
United States	Dec '25	3.50% - 3.75%	3.75% - 4.00%
United Kingdom	Aug '24	4.00%	4.25%
European	Jun '25	2.15%	2.40%
SA Repo Rate	Nov '25	6.75%	7.00%
SA Prime Rate	Nov '25	10.25%	10.50%

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